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TO: All Department and School Fiscal Officers

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SUBJECT: WARNING REGARDING AFRICAN SCAM FAX

The Departments of Technology and Information (DTI) and Finance would like to warn all state organizations of an unscrupulous solicitation from a person by the name of Philip Mthobeni claiming to be an engineer with the South African Ministry of Minerals and Energy Resources.

A fax is being transmitted to state organizations containing information about a government contract which requires a specific dollar amount be paid to the Engineer and his colleagues. He is offering a percentage of this amount as compensation for assistance with a money transfer. The implication is that they want your banking information in order to transfer the funds.

Please make all of your appropriate staff aware of this solicitation. We have forwarded the fax to the Attorney General's office for their information and action, if warranted.

Thanks to Melody Lasana of DHSS for bringing this matter to our attention.

TLN:eed

pc: Thomas Jarrett, Secretary DTI
Richard S. Cordrey, Secretary, Dept. of Finance